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Bishop Says: "It Is Now Needed More Than Ever"

HE URGES HIS PRIESTS TO TAKE IT UNTIL THE PEOPLE BET THE HABIT.

Diocese of St. Augustine, Chancery Office,
January 7, 1918.

Rev. J. F. Noll, LL. D., Huntington, Ind.

Reverend and Dear Father Noll: I want you to know of the splendid work accomplished by OUR SUNDAY VISITOR in the Diocese of St. Augustine. It came at an opportune time when we needed some means of Catholic propaganda and defense against the organized bigotry with which we have had to contend during the past three years. While we have many Catholic weeklies, I must confess that I know of none that can take the place of "The Visitor."

About a year ago I directed the priests to distribute it at the doors of the parish churches throughout the diocese, and as far as possible to see that it reached the people who are living in places where the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered only at intervals. The people have now contracted "The Visitor" habit. They take it with them to their homes every Sunday morning. In the Cathedral they are invited at every Mass on Sunday to do so.

Today the mouthings of the bigots have ceased. The Guardians are quiescent. They have done their worst against us, and have failed egregiously to accomplish their impious desire—the holding of the Church up to public derision and the destruction of Catholic schools. OUR SUNDAY VISITOR played a large part in victories won over the enemies of the Church. Its simple, clear, explanation of Catholic teaching, its exposals of the contemptible methods and character of the Church's enemies, its furnishing of witnesses to Catholic truth from the ranks of outsiders, its well-written interpretation of historical events—all these and many others were admirable. Coming as they did in such short, attractive form, they gave light and strength to Catholic readers and, in many cases, took the film of prejudice from the eyes of biased non-Catholics.

Now, while the big war is raging, the little war of bigots has to a great extent ceased. The Guardians of Liberty have no ammunition, and all their guns—slander, misrepresentation, and vilification—are spiked. What then? Has OUR SUNDAY VISITOR finished its work? No indeed! It has scarcely begun it. The need of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR is greater than ever, and hence it must grow, not diminish, in circulation and influence. It can now carry on purely constructive work. It can enlighten, explain, encourage. It can preach and teach on Sundays in places which no priest visits. There is no end to the good it can accomplish.

Hence I am writing so that through the pages of "The Visitor" I can reach the priests and people of the State and perhaps do my part far outside the State in urging others to spread "The Visitor." I now direct the pastors of the Diocese of St. Augustine to continue the distribution of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR at all parish church doors on Sunday. I expect them to put forth every effort to have it reach each and every individual home in localities where Mass is celebrated at intervals. To this end it might be well for the priest to appoint a member of the parish or mission to take up subscriptions to "The Visitor" at fifty cents a year. I regard as done directly in the interest of religion and of souls every effort made by the priest to increase the circulation of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR. That little paper may not need us, but we need it. I only wish that my voice could reach every Catholic home in America as well as in this diocese to urge our Catholic people to study (that is the word I think) OUR SUNDAY VISITOR week after week.

God bless the work of "The Visitor." I hope your coming campaign for subscriptions will prove an unqualified success.

Faithfully yours in Xto,

✠ M. J. CURLEY, Bishop of St. Augustine.



(*See Editorial This Issue*)

The Power of the Press Cannot Be Estimated

The press is today a mighty instrument used by man to influence his fellowman. Its power is recognized by all, and no movement can be brought to a successful issue unless this power is present to support it. Favorable public opinion is sought by the advocate of every important measure; such favorable opinion he seeks to create by means of the press.

Into every home the issues of the newspaper enter. With avidity it is taken up and read by the members of every family to influence them for good or for evil, to be the source of their ideas and the inspiration of their actions. It is, in a word, the great educator of the people, for the sphere of its influence is wider than that of other educational agencies such as the school and the college, and this is the secret of its tremendous power.

At the present time the secular press is a dangerous element in society. It inculcates principles which, carried to their logical conclusions, would prove destructive of everything sacred in life. Much of the popular literature is saturated with moral poison, many of the best-selling magazines and most widely scattered newspapers, with every issue, spread afar false notions of religion and pernicious moral principles.

The great fundamental truths which center around man's dignity and destiny are sometimes denied in these public prints; very frequently they are referred to in a light and frivolous manner. Hardly ever are they emphasized as the great controlling truths of life. By the press man's moral sense is blunted and his religious inclinations are weakened. These effects upon the individual react upon society, and are reflected in a disregard for legitimate authority, ending in the destruction of civil liberty and the disruption of society.

To the Catholic this pernicious and pestilential literature is doubly dangerous. It strikes at the very ground truths on which his faith rests. By ridiculing Catholic practices, misstating Catholic doctrines, and attacking Catholic principles and policies, it creates an atmosphere which is disastrous for the Catholic readers; it fills his mind with a poison which affects for ill his moral and religious life, just as surely as does poisonous food affect his physical life. From the press, even from that which strives to be fair and honest in its treatment of Catholic matters, the Catholic reader can hope to receive nothing to strengthen his religious convictions.

The corrective for these evils is Catholic literature. The antidote to such poison is the Catholic newspaper. Not only is it a great advantage to have the Catholic paper received in the Catholic home each week, but in these days it is an absolute necessity. This was realized fully by Pope Pius X, of blessed memory, for he wrote: "In vain you will build churches, give missions, found schools—all your works, all your efforts will be destroyed—if you are not able to wield the defensive and offensive weapon of a loyal and sincere Catholic Press."

Upon it will depend the strength of the Catholic faith in the years that are to come. Against the false ideals and principles of the secular press it will ever insist upon standards of right thinking and of right living. These are so necessary to the Catholic of this day that the same holy Pontiff added: "I would make any sacrifice, even to the pawning of my ring, pectoral cross, and soutane, in order to support a Catholic newspaper."—Boston Pilot.

Churchgoer and Dontbelieve Engage in Friendly Discussion

Arranged by Rev. Henry Meyer, Batavia, Ohio.

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ANIMAL INTELLIGENCE.

"Well," said Mr. Churchgoer, as he greeted his friends, Mr. Scoffer and Mr. Materialist, "for once we shall not try your patience. Mr. Dontbelieve must have been burning the midnight oil over his Paul Morphy, for he won with comparative ease."

"I see 'Exhibit A' and 'Exhibit B' ready for the jury," continued Mr. Scoffer, as he pointed to the handsome foxhound and, the beautiful cocker spaniel, both asleep before the cheerful gratefire.

"That's right," added Mr. Materialist, "don't mention their names; their own evidence might clinch the argument for our side and we should not have the pleasure of enjoying Mr. Churchgoer's gradual discomfiture. Or will you now, Mr. Churchgoer, after having so frequently boasted of the intelligence of your dogs, have the audacity to tell us they are mere automata, mere pieces of clockwork without understanding?"

MR. CHURCHGOER: "As usual, you jump to extremes. These animals do not possess intelligence, in its strict sense, nor are they mere mechanical organisms. They have instinct, which includes memory, a certain faculty making mental pictures, and an aptitude for learning."

MR. SCOFFER: "Mere words! If this instinct does the work of our understanding they are not essentially different from us. You know 'A rose by any other name' ——"

MR. CHURCHGOER: "But that is precisely what this instinct does not do! Briefly, there is a difference between understanding and instinct, similar to that existing between matter and spirit."

MR. MATERIALIST: "So then, your Major and your Dan are not intelligent after all? Is it mere pride that has heretofore made you say they were intelligent?"

MR. CHURCHGOER: "I am surprised to have you ask that question, Mr. Materialist. Don't you speak, for example, of the sun 'setting' or 'rising' when you know the sun does not really set or rise?"

MR. MATERIALIST: "In other words, since ordinary conversation is not scientific, it may take certain liberties with the meanings of words?"

MR. CHURCHGOER: "Exactly; you have seen me make my hound 'speak' or 'laugh' and you have not objected when a mere bark or a mere twisting of the facial muscles resulted. In the same sense in which he thus 'speaks' or 'laughs' (although no real speech or real laugh takes place) he may be said to be intelligent."

MR. DONTBELIEVE: "But Herbert Spencer even claims for dogs a certain morality of action. He uses different dog stories to illustrate it."

MR. CHURCHGOER: "But you must recall his definition of morality. He says: 'An act is morally good or bad, according to the good or bad consequences that result from it for the actor or for others.' Further comment is unnecessary."

MR. SCOFFER: "But that does not convince me that animals have no intelligence. Look what capers some of them cut up on the stage!"

MR. CHURCHGOER: "No one admires them more than I. But training does not imply intelligence: as I said they have memory and a faculty of imitation. Have you not read of the English naturalist Lubbock trying in vain to make his marvellously trained dog show that he knew something of numbers?"

MR. DONTBELIEVE: "Yes, he is the man who marked pasteboards with two or three lines, and tried to get his dog to pick up two pasteboards with a similar number of lines."

MR. CHURCHGOER: "I quote Father Wasmann's 'Instinct and Intelligence': 'If the dog had a small degree of this spiritual knowledge, he would perceive that men get meat for money . . . . and he would run to the butcher when he finds a dollar.'"

MR. MATERIALIST: "I am sorry time does not permit us to give Mr. Scoffer an opening by mentioning the bees and their wonderful life. I have read even more remarkable facts about the life of ants and its evidence of intelligence; their organized warfare, their daily methods, their keeping slaves, their reverence for the dead, etc. But life is too short to discuss all these. I shall risk my whole case on the Russian stallion 'Kans,' who was written up all over the world in 1904. What about him?"

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Layman Writes Well on the Stand of the Catholic Church Towards Democracy

By Michael Williams.

New York Evening Mail,
December 26, 1917.

"Everybody agrees that the coming reconstruction will carry the American people much nearer to democratic ideals.

"Therefore, in order that the reconstruction shall more or less approximate to this or that school of thought, Socialists, Feminists, radicals of a score of types, the I. W. W. and the leaders of more conservative bodies, are all hard at work. All are presenting their ideas, their panaceas, their varying policies, hopes, dreams, ideals, to the public. And out of this alambic of multiform elements will eventuate the future state, the coming democracy.

"So much for a brief statement of present conditions. It is now my intention to put forward some of the ideas of thinkers who express ideas derived from or directly founded upon the teachings of the Catholic Church, in the belief that these ideas will be found most useful—indeed, indispensably necessary—in the work of constructing human society in the direction of true democracy.

"It ought not to be necessary to add—yet I must do so explicitly—that of course I speak without authority, and have no shadow of claim or right to voice official Catholic views. I speak simply as one who for twenty years sought to take his part in the great, unending struggle for human happiness, human progress, as a 'radical,' of socialistic affiliations and sympathies (which still largely remain intact), and who some years ago came to the conclusion that the Catholic Church taught the true doctrine of democracy.

"And I do not mean to obtrude any further, in this article, my individual opinions. I simply desire to present a brief yet valuable little anthology of Catholic ideas on democracy, which will be suggestive of that vast storehouse of dynamic, workable social doctrine which lies open to all who will avail themselves of it. (I wish also to state that I am indebted to Father Noll's 'Sunday Visitor' for many of my quotations).

Basis of Social Structure.

"Fundamentally, then, the Catholic sociologist would ask the builders and the guides and guardians of the state to remember that the state itself is not and cannot be the final authority; for that final authority, the source of law, order, justice, happiness, peace and love, is God.

"With that fact acknowledged and logically acted upon, the state may, and indeed would, proceed to become absolutely and finally democratic; it could, and indeed would, be an organized method of securing the rights, liberties and fullest possible measure of human happiness for all sorts and conditions of mankind.

"The Jesuit theologian Suarez put the matter thus: The supreme civil authority considered in itself is given immediately by God to men when they are gathered into a state or perfect political community. . . This authority is not in one person, nor in any special assembly of many persons, but it is in the whole perfect people or body of the commonwealth (Quoted by Father Rickaby, S. J., 'Political and Moral Essays').

"Therefore, according to Suarez, civil authority derives from God, the Creator and Sustainer, to the people, and the people delegate it to their king or their chosen rulers.

"Says Orestes A. Brownson—a sturdy and typical American surely—: St. Augustine, St. Gregory the Great, St. Thomas (Aquinas), Bellarmine, Suarez and the theologians generally hold that princes derive their power from God through the people, or that the people, though not the source, are

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Says Religion in Education Would Help Win the War

Gary (Ind.) Evening Times,
Nov. 16, 1917.

"That feeling that there should be either religion in the schools or else some sort of moral instructions, and which is accompanied by a bewildering wondering of how such instruction could be arranged and still please children and parents of many faiths, was reflected in a monster mass meeting held the other evening in Carnegie Hall in New York. It was a most significant meeting, both in what was expressed and in its indication that there is a realization that our public schools fall dismally short in imparting instruction that will help to lead the mind of the child into moral and religious channels.

"Representatives of most of the religious faiths in New York were at the meeting. Protestants, Catholics, and Jews were there and pledged themselves to support a non-sectarian plan. Cardinal Farley's co-operation was announced, a bishop of the Episcopal church, the Rt. Rev. Courtney, presided; an eminent Jew rabbi pledged the support of the people of his faith, and the state commissioner of education of New York gave good advice.

"Dr. Magnes, of Temple Emanuel, the spokesman of the Jews, told of the unswerving attention paid by his people to the religious instruction of the young, while Dr. Coe of Union Theological Seminary, praised the work of the Sunday school and pointed out that the tendency in present day education is to center on the material things of life, neglect the religious phase and to glorify 'the making of great profits, and the amassing of fortunes.'

"Now the need of moral and religious instruction in the public schools such as the Catholics and Lutherans impart to those who attend their parochial schools, which the Jews give to those children who are members of their religious classes, or which is received by children faithful to Protestant Sunday school classes, has long been felt and widely discussed. Yet in the public schools there are many children who are not reached by these religious agencies and their education is greatly deficient. At times sincere effort has been made to fill this gap, but illy-provised plans, such as blanket Biblo study, have only stirred up dissension and no headway has been made.

"Regardless of what plan New York's inter-denominational conference works out, it is a significant indication that they find time in so material a city to recognize the need of solving a crying problem and to show an admirable display of church unity in going about it. What New York has begun to do other communities should copy. It is really a help-to-win-the-war move, and the wider the appreciation of religious values the greater the willingness to unreservedly serve America."

Minister Gives Good Reason Why K. of C. Should Be Encouraged in War Works

The Grand Rapids Press, Jan. 11, 1918.

"The Knights of Columbus war fund campaign—the Grand Rapids branch of which will conduct its drive in February—has a staunch supporter in Rev. Russell H. Bready, formerly of Grand Rapids, who is now in charge of a Methodist pastorate at Pontiac, Mich., in a recent 'pulpit editorial.' Mr. Bready took a stand in favor of the Order being permitted to work in the camps on the ground that such an activity is necessary to the morale of a large part of the army. He said:

"'Ought the Knights of Columbus, a Roman Catholic organization, be allowed to work in our army camps? Some other fraternal orders have taken the ground that here is an unfair governmental discrimination in favor of the Knights of Columbus.

"'Let us look into the situation. It is very evident that it would be impossible and impractical if it were possible, for the government to permit each of the Protestant denominations to do separate work in the army camps. The Y. M. C. A. is strictly a Protestant organization. It was manifestly the wise thing for all the Protestant churches to center in the Y. M. C. A. This organization is doing wonderful work, and I am free to say that without the Y. M. C. A. we cannot win this war.

Keeping Up the Morale.

"It is doing more to keep up the morale of the boys, the Protestant boys, than any other power. But it is very evident to any broadminded American citizen that the Y. M. C. A. cannot furnish all that the Roman Catholic soldier desires.

"'The Roman Catholic soldier boy is comforted by the presence of a priest, by the celebration of Mass, by the hearing of confessions. While the Y. M. C. A. is willing, and does provide that where their arrangements have not been completed, Mass may be celebrated in the Y. M. C. A. huts, yet to have their own huts, with all the arrangements for Roman Catholic activity more perfectly provided, helps to keep up the courage and morale of that boy.

"'Often, when a plant is transplanted to other soil it dies. When you transplant a shrub, the more of its original soil you can keep around its roots, the more likely it will be to thrive and develop.

"'I therefore argue that as you transplant our boys from the peaceful life to the military life, the more of the soil they have been raised in that can be carried along, the better they will do when they get away. This means that if you transplant just as much of the home life as possible, just as much of the church life in which the boy has been raised, the more he will thrive. The less likely he will be to die of homesickness. All the Protestant churches are centering their activities on the inside of the camps in the Y. M. C. A.

K. of C. Work a Necessity.

"'Thousands of Roman Catholic boys are in all of these camps. They cannot help but feel that they are more or less visitors in the Y. M. C. A., as welcome as I know they are. Regardless of what you think of the forms of worship of the Roman Catholic Church, I want every Roman Catholic boy to be transplanted into the military life, with all the soil in which he was raised clinging to the roots. This means that the Roman Catholic Church must be permitted to do something for them, not as a church, because Protestant churches are not so permitted. Therefore the government recognizes the Knights of Columbus as the Roman Catholic Y. M. C. A., and I say to you, as a Protestant minister, from the Protestant pulpit, that it is as great a necessity as the Y. M. C. A.

"'I want every Protestant boy to feel that his church is keeping right up close to him during this awful struggle, and we are doing so through the Y. M. C. A. on the inside of the camps and through our open-door churches in all the camp war zones, and I want every Roman Catholic boy to feel that his church is keeping right up close to him, just as truly as the church of his Protestant chum. And the Knights of Columbus are doing this, and are keeping up the courage and faith of thousands of boys and teaching how to live the clean life."

Catholic Patriotism is Inspired by Church's Teaching

By H. C. Hengell, Madison, Wis.

That Catholic Americans are practical patriots who evince their loyalty to country by something more substantial than flag waving and oratorical fireworks is evident by their two to three hundred per cent quotas in the United States Army and Navy. That their patriotism is inspired by the teachings of the Catholic faith is a fact that can be proved abundantly.

The doctrines of the Catholic Church come from God, and they are intended primarily to lead to God, but they also constitute the only solid foundation for national morality and patriotism. Washington declared that "both reason and experience forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in the exclusion of religious principles." These "principles" are taught most definitely and clearly by the Catholic Church. To Illustrate:

The Church teaches that all authority in the state or nation comes originally from God, from a real and personal God; that is to say, from the Supreme, Infinite Intelligence essentially over and above the visible universe; Who sees into the hearts of men, Who rewards and punishes. The Church points out the evident fact that God created men as social beings, which is only a short way of saying that He made men dependent upon one another. He thus placed men under the necessity of organizing in society for their own protection and welfare. The family is the first natural unit, but family units in their turn had to unite, by reason of man's social nature, created so by Almighty God, into larger tribal and finally into national units.

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When renewing your subscription, why not let it be **for two years?** It helps us, and saves you from troubling yourself about your expiration so soon. Renewals should be called **renewals**, or you may get two copies of the paper for several weeks—a loss to us, and no advantage to you.

If you owe OUR SUNDAY VISITOR anything for papers, pamphlets, etc., ordered during 1917, kindly remit for same this week. We are eager to balance all accounts.

Children's School and Playground

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK.

20 S. 2nd after Epiphany—SS. Fabian and Sebastian.
21 M. St. Agnes.
22 T. SS. Vincent and Anastasius.
23 W. St. Raymond and Penafort.
24 Th. St. Timothy.
25 F. Conversion of St. Paul.
26 S. St. Polycarp.

Learn the Answers to the Questions which follow; also learn the meaning of terms frequently used in connection with our religion.

Who was St. Agnes?

How and when did she die?

Tell what you know of the conversion of St. Paul.

Upon what mission was he engaged?

What did the Savior say to him?

Answers of Baltimore Catechism Clearly Explained.

What is meant by the command of confessing at least once a year?

By the command of confessing at least once a year is meant that we are obliged, under pain of mortal sin, to go to confession within the year.

In the ages of strong faith, this precept was not necessary. When men grew lukewarm and neglected the things so necessary for their spiritual welfare, the Church, in the fourth Lateran Council, 1215, enacted this decree to place insistence upon its necessity.

Should we confess only once a year?

We should confess frequently, if we wish to lead a good life.

Christ left the Sacrament of Penance to be an aid to His children. Just as we go to the physician when bodily ills overtake us, so should we seek the remedy for the malady of sin.

Should children go to Confession?

Children should go to confession when they are old enough to commit sin, which is commonly about the age of seven years.

Confession is made that, being truly sorry and firmly resolved to amend, the penitent may be freed from sin. It logically follows that one should confess one's sins when a knowledge of right and wrong is possessed.

BIBLE AND CHURCH HISTORY

Cathechetically Arranged.

(Reprinted, with permission of the John Murphy Co., from a little book under the above title).

Q. How many years after their arrival in Egypt did Jacob fall sick?

A. Seventeen, and when Joseph heard of it, he took his two sons, Ephram and Manassas, and hastened to visit his father.

Q. When Jacob saw the two boys, what did he say?

A. He blessed them, foretelling what would happen in the latter days.

Q. What did he give to Juda?

A. The greater blessing, saying: "You shall rule over your enemies, the sons of your father shall bow down to you and the sceptre shall not pass from Juda, till He cometh, that is to be sent, *the Expectation of Nations.*"

Q. When was this celebrated prophecy fulfilled?

A. When Herod, the first stranger, ruled in Judea. In him the sceptre passed from Juda.

Herein Are Presented Facts About the Conversion of 'Buffalo Bill'

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shared by thousands and thousands of small boys of my time and afterwards; and that ambition stuck with me all through boyhood.

I was very much edified by the behavior of his family. They treated me with the utmost respect, and, after the baptism, they asked me to translate the ritual into English so that they all might hear it. The work of the household was suspended while they gathered around and respectfully listened.

The great scout's temporary funeral took place from the State Capital, when thousands had a last look at his familiar face. I understand that the solemn funeral will take place on Memorial Day, and that plans are being made to erect a fitting monument in his honor. Thus it would seem that his name is to become a part of the story of the West.

Doubtless Buffalo Bill will continue to be the hero of the small boys and the larger ones of America for many years. His fights with the Indians; his prowess with the rifle; his feat of killing four thousand two hundred and eighty buffalo in eighteen months, for food for the constructors of the Kansas Pacific Railroad; his famous fight with the Cheyenne chief, Yellow Hand, before the Indian and American armies, in which in a desperate hand-to-hand conflict he stabbed him in the heart, will keep his memory green in the vivid imagination of the average boy. May the sacred ending of this wild and adventurous career lead many to aspire to follow Buffalo Bill in the last great act which crowned his life, and to accept his guidance through the land of shadows, when he chose the one secure and God-appointed way to travel safely to heaven over the great divide.

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"Why don't you get rid of that mule?" someone asked Uncle Erastus.

"Well, suh, I hates to give in. If I was to trade dat mule off he'd regard it as a personal victory. He's been tryin' foh de las' six weeks to get rid o' me."

THE CONVERSION OF CHINA.

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GOD'S PRESENCE.

Written for Our Sunday Visitor by Rev. Albert Muntsch, St. Louis University.

When we studied our Catechism in our youthful days we were often told to recall the thought of God's presence. In that excellent book of inspiring religious truths, there is a question which reads: "What do you mean by saying 'God is omnipotent'?" You may remember the answer: By saying "God is omnipotent," I mean that He is in Heaven, on earth, and everywhere. Some Scriptural quotations were added to make this doctrine clear: "Do not I fill Heaven and earth? saith the Lord;" "He is higher than Heaven. . . He is deeper than Hell." We were likewise taught that God is omniscient, that is, that He knows all things perfectly, past, present, and to come, even our most secret thoughts.

In those days these wholesome thoughts helped us, no doubt, to stay the first onslaughts of temptation to grievous sin. But afterwards in the stress and struggle of life, while we prepared for our life's work at college, or in the office or workshop, the salutary truths taught by the First Article of the Creed may have gradually faded from our minds.

And yet we know how important such thoughts are especially in the hours of temptation and spiritual despondency. The thought that we are in God's benign presence, even while the tempter is preparing to ensnare the soul and to plunge it into eternal ruin, cannot but bring strength and confidence. In time of danger the child naturally turns to its mother. Why should not we, when the tempest has broken over us, when ugly sin draws nigh and wishes to steal into the soul—why should we not then turn to our good Father, Christ? The poet has well said: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." It is equally true that great things have been wrought by the inspiring remembrance that we always move in God's presence and cannot escape Him if we would. For as the Psalmist rightly says: "If I take my wings early in the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea: Even there also shall Thy Hand lead me: and Thy right Hand shall hold me."

It is easy to place ourselves in God's presence even during the press of duty and while plunged in distracting toil. One of the steps by which the saints ascended the ladder of sanctity was the frequent recollection that they ever lived and moved in God's holy presence. The same thought will do much for those who must lead an active, busy life, and who have not the occasion to devote special periods of the day to prayer and recollection.

The Interesting Cycle of Festivals and How They Are Kept in Different Countries

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day (Mandatum novum) Thursday and Good (or God's) Friday need not detain us long, so familiarly do they enter into our life each spring. The Queen of England distributes annually by proxy to poor people, on the former day, alms enclosed in purple purses trimmed with white—a lingering relic of "ancient Christianity." On Easter Eve it is a custom in Welsh country parishes to visit the graves of relatives. Easter, or Pasch, eggs are an old symbol of life which is latent under impassive forms; an example of something which, to all appearance inanimate, has in itself the hope of resurrection.

Many strange and joyous customs used to await the arrival of May-day. The May-pole was set up in every village, the May-queen was chosen to preside over the rejoicings, and mirth and flowers were the one thought of the young. A thickly-populated part of London—West End—bears to this y the name of Mayfair, though it is ince the May-pole stood on its form the May-garlands fluttered of the i. The flowers and the but their ore lately passed from where they are nearly forgotten, and have taken new possession of Catholic churches in the universal consecration of the first month of flowers to the Mother of God, the Rose of mystic beauty, the Flower that makes glad the city of her Son. The eve of St. John Baptist's day, near the summer solstice, used to be marked by rites of great antiquity, consisting of bonfires and conviviality. St. Swithin is another authentic saint (Bishop of Winchester) whose name has become attached to a subject totally distinct from religious associations. His day, which occurs in July, is closely watched by the weather-prophets, who say that according as it is wet or dry, so will be the weather for the following six weeks. St. Medard, in June, has a similar connection with the weather in France.

St. Michael's day, or Michaelmas, has long been a high day with city corporations and public bodies on which to elect their chief magistrates. It is greatly honored in England, even now, being one of four quarter-days with Christmas, Lady day (March 25), and midsummer. The archangel was the tutelar spirit of many of our northern storm-beaten coasts; two insular rocks, one on the Cornish coast, the other in the French bay of Avranches, were named Mount St. Michael. About the Eve of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls a sacred mystery was felt to hang, which in the course of time, and as the true meaning of the season was lost together with its spirit, degenerated into awkward attempts to pry into futurity; hence the absurd ceremonies of All-Hallow Eve, or Hallow E'en, as it is called in Scotland. St. Martin's day, Nov. 11, is the beginning of what is known in France as St. Martin's summer, being about the same time and corresponding to our Indian summer. The practical importance of St. Nicholas' day (December 6), as a time of surprises for children in the way of presents, was never greater than at this moment. Germany, Belgium, and in late years England also, accept it as an occasion for delighting the young. Belgian boys and girls, up to six or seven years of age, firmly believe that the bishop arrives on horseback in the night while they sleep, and leaves the toys and gingerbread which they find at their doors in the morning. In this country this custom of making presents to children seems to have been transferred to Christmas, the last great festival of the year, the theme of so many Old-World carols, of a whole literature in verse and prose.

SERMONETTE.

(By Rev. Wm. Demouy, D. D.)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

"In those days: Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: Ye rulers of the people and ancients, hear."—Acts IV, 8.

One of the greatest and most despicable faults of man is pride, and, unfortunately, it exists as a rule in the highest degree in the hearts where the greatest humility should be found. Men who have been favored by God with special gifts, and placed by their fellowmen in high positions, are often totally unconscious of the fact that what they have was given to them.

Many of the bright lights that shine in the lives of men here are but the flames of a spark kindled by God. Where labor and perseverance have been required to develop this brightness, man must even then remember that, had God not planted it in germ, man could never have made it spring forth. There are myriads of others in whom, considering their labor and their toil, had God sowed the seeds that were sowed in others, they would have become far greater than these.

Independence among men does not mean independence before God. No matter on what pedestal man has been placed by his countrymen, or even by the world, he is yet subject to God, and, in his heart, should feel the deepest humility. There is ever a danger to high positions and a responsibility, that man, without God's help, cannot rightly assume nor fulfill.

There are yet others in another class, who must watch themselves, lest the demon of pride erect a throne in their hearts: These are the affluent and the rich. Their possessions give them a certain prestige in the world, and place them on a plane above their neighbor of humble possessions and of modest means. In fact, all positions, and honors, and licenses of earth, are dangerous to the soul, unless there be in it a humble recognition of God, and a firm adherence to His decrees.

No matter what the position, no matter how great his power, man must always regard himself as a sinful creature in the sight of God, and recognize the infinite gulf between himself and his Creator. There is only one link that will unite him to his God, one bridge that spans this distance—HUMILITY.

God is with authority upon earth—in fact, it all comes from Him, as Scripture clearly states, and this fact should urge the subject not to abuse it, and humbly to petition the Supreme Being to guide him aright. Lofty places may bring, as they do, honor; but the obligations are the gravest, and man, in his weakness, to fulfill them rightly and fully, needs all the strength and the direction he can implore from Heaven, or summon from earth.

But the most important, all-necessary, thing for men in all positions to remember is that God is their absolute Master and Ruler, and will one day be their Judge. Any defiance on their part—whether by word, or action, or demeanor—will bring with it the liability to punishment. They should moreover remember that a throne on earth, unless there is union with God, will bring a pit in the Beyond, so let that class of men distanced from others by power, or learning, or position, realize that in the sight of God, it is only His grace that gives precedence, and that the poor and oppressed—as easily as they, and, as a rule, even more so—can shine like stars for all Eternity.

After Dinner Story

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this holy anointing and through His most sweet mercy may the Lord forgive whatever sins thou hast committed through thy sight.' He repeats the same formula while anointing the other senses except that he changes the last word and, instead of 'sight,' says 'hearing,' 'smell,' 'taste or speech,' 'touch,' 'step,' accordingly as he is anointing the ears, nostrils, lips, hands, or feet.

"The material in the sacrament of Holy Orders is simply the hands of the Bishop imposed upon the head of the candidate for the priesthood. Some theologians think that the consecrated chalice, etc., which the Bishop places in the hands of the candidate, is also part of the material of this sacrament, but others say that all this is merely a ceremony added by the Church. Indeed, the ceremonies which surround the conferring of Holy Orders are perhaps the most beautiful ever witnessed in this world. If one of them were omitted, the newly made priest, though validly ordained, is forbidden to say Mass until he goes privately to the Bishop and has the omitted ceremony supplied. The formula is a long prayer—which I do not know by heart and which I shall therefore pass over in silence."

"When I was taking instructions, Father, I was taught that Confession is a sacrament; but I am sure I never seen any material used there."

"It is there, nevertheless, Mrs. Ridgely. The material is your sin, or, to be more exact, your sin is the remote material, and the actions you perform relative to that sin—your sorrow for it and your confession of it—constitute the proximate material. If you went to confession and had no sin, you would have no remote material, and the confession would be invalid. Or, again, if you neglected to perform the requisite acts of confession and contrition relative to that sin, you would have no proximate material and your confession would be invalid.

"The formula in this sacrament is the absolution pronounced by the priest: 'I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.' So, ladies, there you have the doctrine——"

"You have forgotten the sacrament of Matrimony," suggested the demure little Widow Spies.

"Do you mind how she keeps her eye on the sacrament of Matrimony," said Mrs. Carr.

"Christian Matrimony is nothing else than the natural contract of marriage raised by Christ to the dignity of a sacrament, therefore, the material and the formula of the sacrament are simply the material and the formula of the contract by which a man and woman accept each other for husband and wife.

"Now since I have explained to you the material and the formula instituted by Christ for each of the seven sacraments, I think it is time for me to go back to the house and give Mrs. Carr a chance to talk. Only remember that these two elements must never be so far separated as to destroy the natural union which should exist between them. If necessity ever obliges one of you ladies to baptize a dying child, do not pour the water on its head and then wait a full minute before you say 'I baptize thee in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost,' for if you do, this baptism will be null and void, and the baby will die with original sin upon its soul."

"Thank you, Father, for your instructive little talk," called out Mrs. Spies after the departing priest. "There are so many beautiful and instructive truths to be learned about our holy faith that I really think we old ladies ought to start to catechism again."

"Glory be to God! Start to catechism again! The next thing we know she will have the whole Altar Society chewing gum and wearing pinafores!" said Mrs. Carr.

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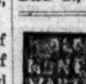
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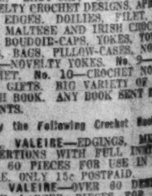
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After Dinner Story

Father Tim Casey.

(By C. D. McENNIRY, C. Ss. R.)

THE AWAKENING OF DORMANT FORCES.

The clock was striking ten when Father Casey threw himself in an arm-chair before the fire. What with confessions and instructions and business and sick-calls, it had been a busy day. And now the warm dressing gown and slippers, for which he had just exchanged his wet, bespattered clothing, felt doubly comfortable as he listened to the cold rain pelting against his library window.

B-r-r-r-r! How well every priest knows the meaning of a ring at the door bell on such a night!

"Father Casey is upstairs in the library," he heard the housekeeper say. "Go right up, Mr. Kilroe, and explain it to him yourself."

Mr. Kilroe could remember when Tim Casey was "a slip of a boy," and had, I am afraid, been obliged more than once, to threaten to call the police to check Tim and his "pals" in their mischievous pranks. But Tim grew up, Ordination day came, and from that time forward the old man saw in him no longer neighbor Casey's son, but the chosen Minister of the Most High, the consecrated Priest of God. Father Casey always felt humbled by the tender, reverent salutation of this saintly man.

"Welcome, Mr. Kilroe, though I know that you have come to drag me out of my dry, warm nest. Come, stand by the fire, and tell me who wants me."

"Ah, Father Tim, 'tis that is the sad part of the whole affair. Nobody wants you, but Our Blessed Lord wants him—if there is any way of saving him."

"Of whom are you speaking?"

"Of a poor wreck of a man that crawled into my boiler-room tonight. 'For God's sake,' says he, 'let me get warm,' and he huddled up against the boiler. The change was too sudden; he fainted dead away. A doctor came, examined him, and called his trouble by a lot of six-foot names. 'Would you mind telling me what that means in English?' says I. 'Whiskey!' says he. It was just as I thought; he had drunk himself to death—leastways, the demon of drink had started it and then brought along other demons worse than himself to finish up the job. The doctor said: 'There is nothing to be done. The change will come after midnight, and he will be dead by morning—no probability of regaining consciousness.' And he left him there with me in the boiler-room, for the poor fellow would have died on the way had we attempted to remove him to the hospital."

"Of course you don't know whether he is a Catholic."

"That's just the point, Father Tim. I found the holy Scafflers on him. And to think a Catholic must die like that and you can do nothing for him!"

"At least I can give him conditional Absolution and Extreme Unction."

"Sure he can make no confession. His reason's gone."

"That is why I must give him Absolution conditionally. When I get there, I will ask him if he confesses that he is a sinner and wishes to receive the sacrament of Penance. And, though he appears to be totally unconscious, there is just a faint possibility that he may hear me and by a sigh or by the twitching of a muscle, try to say, 'Yes.' That would really be a Confession—the best he could make under the circumstances. Then the sacrament would be valid, and his sins would be forgiven. Of course he would have the obligation of confessing these sins in detail if he ever recovered. True, his chances of hearing me are very slight; that is why I must give the Absolution conditionally. By conditionally, I mean that I must have no intention of giving a real Absolution unless he is able to receive it validly.

"At any rate," continued Father Casey after a pause, "I can give him Extreme Unction, for, since he is a Catholic, he can surely receive that sacrament validly so long as there is a spark of life in his body."

"And will Extreme Unction do him any good in the condition he is in?"

"Yes. When a man cannot validly receive the sacrament of Confession, Extreme Unction will take away his sins provided he had at least imperfect contrition for them before he became unconscious.

"I'm afraid there's little chance for that, Father; he was drunk when he came in, and when the fire began to thaw him out, it threw him into such pain he cursed and blasphemed until reason left him entirely."

"Still God may give him a moment of consciousness before he dies, and, if you are beside him, helping him to be sorry for his sins at least on account of the loss of heaven and the fear of hell, the sacrament of Extreme Unction will revive, and he will be saved."

Father Casey hastened to put on his wet clothes and get the Holy Oils, and soon the two men were making their way through the muddy streets.

"What did you mean, Father Tim, by saying that the sacrament of Extreme Unction would—would wake up—would come to—?"

"Would revive?"

"Yes; what did you mean by saying that it would revive?"

"You see, Mr. Kilroe, when a man receives Extreme Unction without any sorrow for his mortal sins, it cannot operate, it cannot benefit him. Those mortal sins of his would be an obstacle in its way. But no sin ever was or ever will be forgiven unless we are sorry for it. Therefore the sacrament would remain inactive, dormant in his soul, as it were, until he would remove the obstacle in its way by an act of sorrow—an act of contrition. Then the sacrament would revive, it would take away his sins, and he would be saved."

"Will all the other sacraments do that too?"

"Practically speaking, Confession will not do it. Before a sacrament can revive it must have been validly received. And since contrition is part of the proximate material of the sacrament of Confession, where there is no contrition, there is no valid sacrament."

"And Baptism?"

"When a baby receives Baptism no contrition is required, for the baby has committed no sin itself. On the other hand, if one who has already attained to the use of reason receives Baptism without any sorrow for his mortal sins, the sacrament will lie dormant until he makes an act of true contrition—then it will revive, otherwise there would be no means for him to get rid of his sins and save his soul.

"The same with Confirmation: If one receives it without any sorrow for his mortal sins, it will be of no benefit to his soul. The moment he is truly sorry for his sins, however, the sacrament will revive and make him a strong and perfect Christian and a soldier of Jesus Christ.

"The same too with Matrimony. If a man receives this sacrament in mortal sin, for instance, after a bad Confession, it will not give him the grace to be a Christian husband and father—it will not help him to be faithful, loving, and patient towards his wife nor exemplary towards his children. But when he repairs that bad confession, the obstacle in the way of the sacrament will be removed, it will revive, and he will experience all its beneficial effects."

"Here we are, Father Tim."

They entered the boiler-room. It was Mr. Kilroe's only home. Death and misfortune had long ago deprived him of family and property; but no one, not even his most intimate friends, had ever been able to wring from him any other comment than this:

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After Father Casey had anointed the insensible man, Mr. Kilroe wiping away the bloody froth from his lips and removing his tattered shoes, the old man asked:

"What must I do to help the sacrament revive?"

"Keep a close watch, and if you notice the slightest sign of consciousness, bend over him and repeat in a clear voice the acts of faith, hope, love, and, above all, contrition; like-

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Please give a few facts of St. Anastasia?

St. Anastasia is mentioned in the second Mass on Christmas Day; history tells us that she was a woman of a noble family. In the year 304, during the persecution of the Roman Emperor, she was burned at the stake. Previous to her death, all sorts of flattering offers had been made to her by the Pagan Emperor provided she would renounce her belief in Christ the Crucified. She met her death with a Christian fortitude that was a marvel to her executioner. Her body was removed to Rome and placed in the church that bears her name. It was in this church that the popes in ancient times were accustomed to celebrate the second Mass on Christmas, and for this reason a commemoration of St. Anastasia is made in the second Mass said on Christmas Day.

What prayers should be said in the morning?

They are left to the choice of the suppliant. Any prayerbook will furnish you with a good selection of prayers. The Our Father, Hail Mary, Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity, together with the Morning Offering, should be included in your morning devotions. It is important that the day be begun well. You can begin it in no better way than by calling upon yourself the blessing of God. By offering your thoughts, words and actions during the day, to God's greater honor and glory, you make of them fruitful prayers most pleasing in God's sight.

Does the Catholic Church allow the right of private interpretation of the Sacred Scriptures to laymen?

She permits it neither to laymen nor to clerics. As explained in recent issues the Sacred Scriptures were given as a guide to man. Yet the Sacred Book, being inanimate, and nowhere stating that it is the infallible guide to man in the attainment of his salvation, needs some authoritative interpreter.

From the earliest times the Church has been the collector of those books containing the sacred writings and she has cared for them. Through the zealous work of her children in the monasteries copies of the original manuscripts have been preserved and have been re-copied. Even though our Divine Savior had not appointed the Church as the teacher of mankind her natural position throughout the centuries would have warranted her assuming this honor. However, our Divine Savior gave her the mission to teach. To St. Peter was given the task of caring for the lambs and the sheep of the flock. It was his task to see that no poisonous doctrine came to their knowledge. From the writings of St. Peter we know that many wrest the Scriptures to their own damnation. It is the work of the Church to interpret the difficult passages in the light of the revealed truths of God as made known through the Sacred Scriptures and tradition. It should not seem an arbitrary position which the Church claims, when we consider that it was her privilege to care for the Sacred Scriptures during the earliest centuries. Moreover, believing that Christ was true God and thinking that He possessed more than ordinary intelligence, we would expect that He would take means suitable for the making known of His Divine truths to man. A few hours before He began His bitter passion and death, He drew aside from the world and He prayed that His Disciples might be one as He and His Heavenly Father were one. Now if we allow the right of private interpretation, the number of religious denominations who claim to follow this right of individual interpretation will amply prove that unity cannot exist. The laws of the nation, being inanimate, cannot explain themselves and therefore need authoritative interpretation. For this purpose we have the courts of the land. Chaos and Anarchy would be the result of private interpretation of these laws. So it is with the more important truths contained in the Sacred Scriptures. For their interpretation there must be some tribunal to which we may go in order to discover the real meaning as it was intended by God, the Revealer. Kindly remember, dear reader, that the position of the Church regarding private interpretation does not interfere with the reading of the Bible. Authentic versions are filled with footnotes, explaining the more difficult passages. The writings of the earlier fathers and exegetes are made familiar in books of recent date and through the homilies preached to the people on the Epistle or Gospel of the Sunday.

May not we claim an interior illumination of the Holy Ghost in the interpretation of the Bible?

The claim is easily made and can be made by any one. However, to substantiate this claim is quite a different and quite a difficult proposition. Not many moons ago two noted explorers, Cooke and Peary, claimed to have discovered the North Pole. Both claimed the distinction of having been the first to explore the coveted spot. Every intelligent man and woman in the country knew that some one was mistaken or deliberately telling untruths. Each had his following. Even crowned heads bowed to honor the intrepidity of the daring explorers. Yet every one was convinced that there could be but one man to see the Pole first despite their respective claims. A man in an Ohio city was impersonating one of the Wright brothers. Glowingly, he described his flight over the battlefields of Europe, vividly he explained an interesting tour over Jupiter and Mars. The listeners did not take him seriously, he had been an inmate for years. He had made a claim without proof.

Let us apply the same mode of reasoning to the question of interior illumination. Christ calls the Holy Ghost the Spirit of Truth. To say that He can teach falsehood is blasphemy. To say that He can contradict Himself is ridiculous blasphemy. Yet how can we escape the charge of blasphemy if, maintaining that the Holy Ghost illumines the mind of each one, we believe that the Holy Ghost tells Jones there are only three sacraments, and tells Smith there are seven and tells Dontbelieve that there are none. Is it mental illumination that He tells one there is a hell, and another that there is none, etc., etc.? Let's be honest and call it mental hallucination.

What parts of the Old Testament contained in the Catholic Bible are not contained in the Protestant?

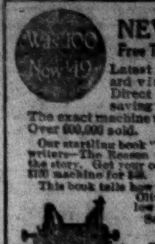
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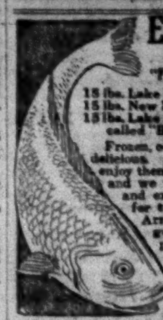
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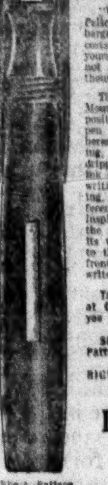
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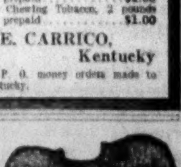
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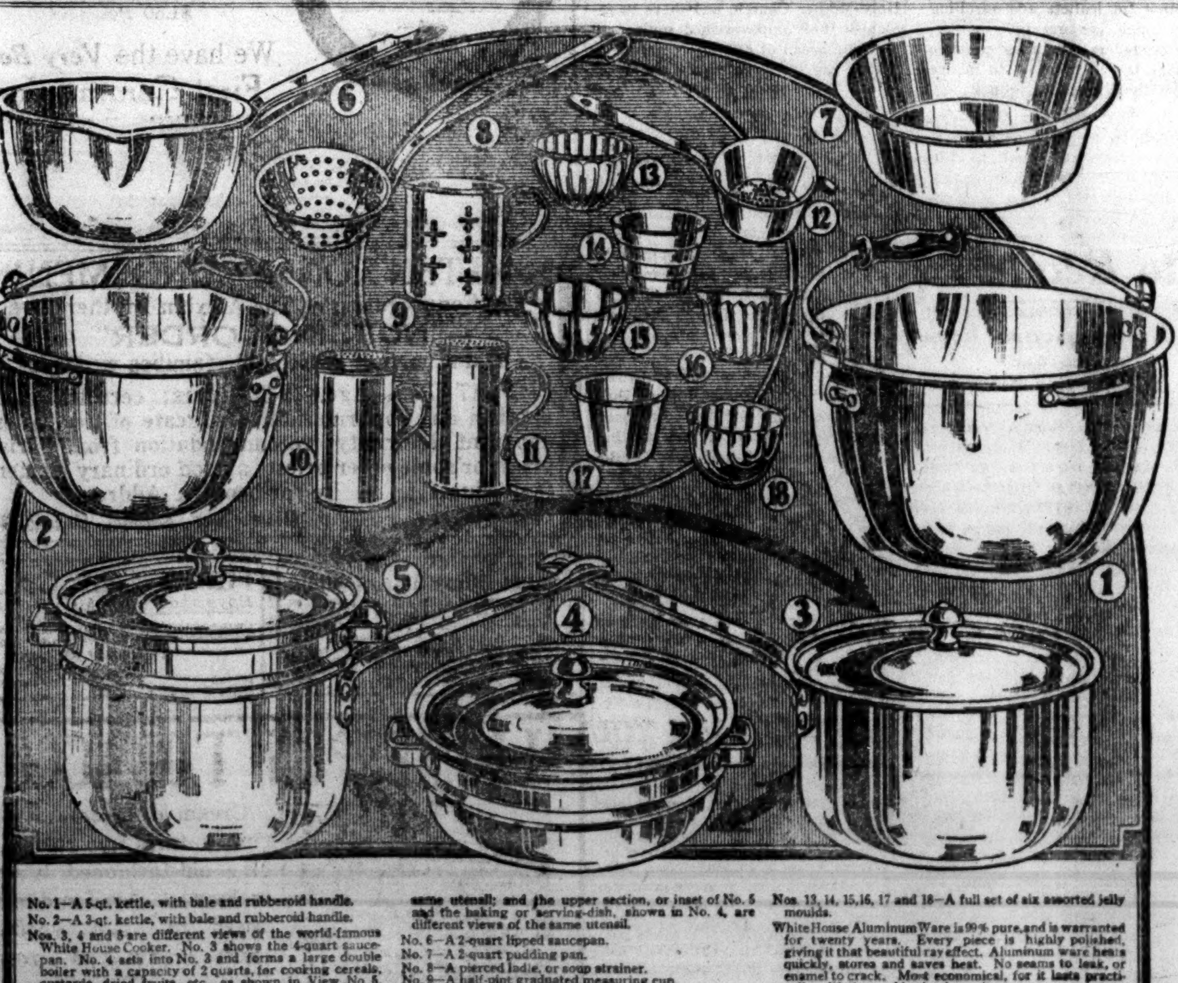
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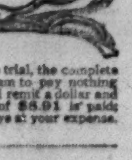
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Dearly Beloved Son: Health and Apostolic Benediction! There are two things which, among others, commend to us the Catholic paper Our Sunday Visitor, in editing which you have for many years entirely devoted yourself; the first is the task proposed by you so to spread and explain Catholic doctrine that you might attach Catholics more closely to it, and that you might win over non-Catholics; and secondly, the highly commendatory testimony which we are told this same paper received from Our Predecessor of happy memory, Pius X, and also from other personages of high and indisputable authority.

The one shows you to be a good dispenser of God's mysteries, the other proves that in pursuing this holy undertaking you are following the right path and are laboring with abundant fruit.

Why, therefore, to the praises you have already received should not also be added Our commendation? Indeed, it pleases us to do so in order, if need be, to encourage you in the race you are running. We bestow upon you the Apostolic Benediction to strengthen by the help of Divine grace your ardent zeal and those whom you have as helpers in this work.

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With best wishes I am, sincerely yours in Xto.,
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Dear Rev. Father: Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 29, 1912.

Your work of bringing home to our people the better knowledge of the teachings of the Church, and of informing non-Catholics of the claims of Holy Mother Church, is truly an apostolic work, worthy of the highest commendation and encouragement.

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Devotedly yours in Domino,
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The great body of the American people must be led; they are neither philosophers nor theologians, and are very indifferent in their attitude toward religion. Two-thirds of these, our fellow countrymen, seldom put a foot inside the church, and they depend on the daily newspapers for their education, leadership, and guidance. The editors of these newspapers, on their part, are mostly religious "liberals", with no definite religious convictions. They believe in the wholesome influence of Christian standards, but that is about all. They are more often wrong than right in their treatment of moral questions.

The printing press is no doubt the greatest agency for instruction that exists in the world today; it could be the greatest instrument for the furtherance of God's interests in this world, but the demand for its treatment of other interests is too general. The powers of evil get more service out of it than the forces of good. Religion naturally makes use of the printing press; but just as two-thirds of the American people are unreached by the spoken word in religious matters, so an even larger number is untouched by the printed word which fosters religion.

Most people act on the theory that they get sufficient religion in church; innumerable others that the supply they receive in the lodge suffices. Then, just as hundreds of thousands of people are merely nominal members of some form of Christianity, so is the number is legion of those who subscribe to a religious paper for "looks" only.

Fully 5,000,000 people of the United States read socialistic, I. W. W., and other literature of a destructive character; 5,000,000 more read rationalistic, anti-Christian, anti-Catholic literature; the large number who patronize the denominational press must needs grow in prejudice towards the Catholic Church, because the issues of such papers which do not attack the Church in editorials and communications, at least by implication, are few.

In our last editorial we declared that there was only one way of offsetting the influence of this literature on those who read it, and that is by placing within reach of the same people such literature as tells the truth about the Catholic Church, her teachings, her principles, etc.

Then, we feel that we make a very conservative estimate when we represent that no Catholic literature enters the homes of one-half of our own people. Our real good Catholics, and therefore those who are, strictly speaking, not in need of our literature at all, are subscribers to several Catholic papers and magazines. Tepid Catholics; those who stay away from Mass for no good excuse; those who are seen least frequently at the communion table; those who never had the advantage of parish school education; those who have married non-Catholics—in a word, those who really need Catholic literature most are the ones whose homes are not reached by it.

The most discouraging side of this situation is that these are the very people whom the pastor finds it difficult to interest in religious reading. But is that a reason not to try and try until success crowns his efforts? There is a vital principle at stake, and surrender he must not. To combat this lack of interest is one of the reasons why we favor church-door distribution of literature. The indifferent and the thoughtless Catholic has the literature flaunted before his face, and sees others take it home. In this, as in other matters, example wins them when words do not.

Every pastor will recall how difficult it was to interest people in weekly, and daily Holy Communion after the late Pope Pius urged it so strongly. Those who from childhood had gone to Holy Communion only quarterly or annually, could not be moved for some time, and even when they were won over, it was due not so much to exhortations from the pulpit as to the impression made on them by the sight of the large numbers of others who did respond. Those who attend the early Masses on Sunday, and tepid Catholics always do attend the early Masses, noted the big increase in Holy Communions; they noted the large body of Holy Name men who receive every month, and the conviction came home to them that they themselves must be very negligent.

Hundreds of pastors, to enforce the "take home a paper" habit, call the attention of the people to OUR SUNDAY VISITOR every Sunday; they will substantiate the truth of Bishop Curley's contention (see first page).

A WORD TO THE WISE

By Rev. Joseph Husslein, Associate Editor of AMERICA

THE PEARL SEPULCHER.

The most lustrous and beautiful pearl, recent scientists teach, is nothing else than the brilliant sepulcher that once entombed a worm.

The tiny distome, as the creature is called, first appeared as an almost invisible reddish-yellow point, one-fiftieth of an inch in diameter, on the interior of a pearl mussel. Grains of carbonate of lime gathered upon it, crystallized and gradually covered it. They spread and interlaced over it, grew smooth and lustrous, until a minute dot was all that could be seen of the little body through its pearl transparency. And so the pearl continued to increase in size and beauty, while the tiny distome became more and more invisible and at last was completely lost to sight.

But though apparently hidden within its tomb the worm may in reality not have died. It had grown within the shell of the mussel during the summer months, and though encased in the winter and early spring, it may still have remained alive. The pearl envelope would then lose its luster and beauty, would decay and fall apart, and the little parasite go forth to new activities.

But if the worm was truly dead within that sepulcher, a tomb more glorious than any that ever was erected for Egyptian Pharaoh, then the pearl could continue in its growth unhindered. It could now increase in beauty and in value until it became an object that kings might covet and queens delight to wear upon their brows, which poets might vie to celebrate in song and artists rejoice to set with loving skill into the golden chalice to glow in the light of altar candles where the Precious Blood of Christ should daily be lifted on high.

But all this was possible only on condition that the tiny distome, the little creature in its sheltering valuts of mother-of-pearl, was dead in all truth and not in mere seeming.

Here is the secret of all our own greatness, worth and beauty in the sight of God. "For you are dead; and your life is hid with Christ in God." We must live, yet not we, but Christ in us. We must die to self that we may live to God. So the most glorious of all transformations shall be accomplished in us, if in all things we seek no longer our own will, but the will of God.

Our very insignificance should then encourage us the more to trust in the power of God. It was the "humility" of Mary that God regarded, and this word in the original language of the Scripture text signifies her nothingness and her obscurity.

So He that is mighty hath done great things to her. So the worm of earth shall be changed into the pearl of beauty beyond all price.

Catholic Organizations

By Edw. F. Garesche, S. J., Editor "The Queen's Work," St. Louis, Mo.

THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

In surprising numbers, names are being sent in for the Roll of Honor, and men and women alike are enrolling themselves in the crusade of personal devotion and active service in answer to the invitations published in OUR SUNDAY VISITOR and in **The Queen's Work.** The readiness with which our Catholic people are taking up this work of zeal is only another proof of their practical devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. As we have several times before explained, the Knights and Ladies of the Blessed Sacrament is not a confraternity, but a personal consecration to an active crusade for the honor of our Eucharistic Lord. Those who desire to take part in this crusade must first of all send their names to the above address for the Roll of Honor, make a strong resolve to be themselves especially devout to the Blessed Sacrament, and to show this devotion by at least weekly communion, by visiting the Blessed Sacrament sometimes, by going to benediction, genuflecting devoutly when entering or leaving the church, making the sign of the cross with special devotion, attending Forty Hours' Devotion, fighting against whatever might endanger purity, offering the weekly communion for all on the Roll of Honor, and by knighting others, in their turn, that is, persuading them to make the same resolution and sending their names for the Roll of Honor.

It is interesting to see what a variety of ages, classes and conditions are represented among those who are sending for leaflets and enrolling their names on the Roll of Honor. Business men, lawyers and commercial travellers are represented among the crusaders, and they promise not only to practice the works of the crusade themselves, but to induce others also to join in this movement to honor the Blessed Sacrament. A special leaflet has been printed, explaining the conditions of the crusade, and giving a form to be signed by those who enter upon it. It would be well for all the Knights and Ladies to have some of these at hand to help in the spreading of the work. The leaflets may be had by writing to the above address, care being taken to enclose stamps for postage.

Readers Speak to Readers

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 18, 1917.

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MRS. MARY McKAHN.

Somewhere in France, Nov. 25, 1917

Rev. Father John E. Noll,
Huntington, Ind., U. S. A.

Dear Father:

Just received the ever welcome Our Sunday Visitor of Aug. 26th and Sept. 2nd, the first ones I have received on this side of the ocean.

I thought I would write and ask you if you could not put a wrapper round each paper and send it to me, as I would be sure to get it then. I want to receive it regularly as Catholic literature is very scarce over here where we are. We are the first American Regiment to go into Active Service, and we are "up there" delivering the "goods" too.

Everything is fine and dandy. We get plenty to eat, plenty of sleep and plenty of clothes. I am glad I'm here. Uncle Sam is looking after us in first class style.

We manage to get to Mass on Sundays, and as some of the French priests talk English, we have the opportunity of going to confession and Communion.

The French people are fine and have treated us royally. Their soldiers are a brave lot; we must take our hats off to them and to their priests, who are numerous in the army. They are privates, and love their work and seem very happy after all they have seen and gone through.

With every wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and success to Our Sunday Visitor, and asking to be remembered in your prayers, I am,

PTE. R. H. CARTER,
Co. F, 13th Engineers (Ry.)
A. E. F., Via New York.

THE CATHOLIC ACTORS' GUILD.

(By Irene West)

In a former communication to my beloved friends in the faith, through the pages of Our Sunday Visitor, I merely mentioned that there was in America an alliance known as "THE CATHOLIC ACTORS' GUILD." Those interested in the spiritual welfare of their brethren upon the stage may desire to know more of the intentions and purpose of such an organization.

Some ten years ago a society in London founded what is known as the "BRITISH CATHOLIC ACTORS' GUILD." Today the Guild has many branches throughout the British Isles and that the Christian spirit of that benevolent association of actors has proved a gratifying success is evident from the fact that it has reached across the sea and founded branches to perpetuate its good work in the Dominion of Canada. Thus the far-reaching effects of the British Catholic Actors' Guild stands as Missions of salvation, strewn along the actors' path of pitfalls and temptations, from Halifax to Vancouver.

It is surprising American Catholics did not sooner recognize the efficiency of such a spiritual alliance for the sustenance of our Holy Faith in the Catholic actors of our own country. The Catholic Actors' Guild of America was born of a Protestant association known as the "ACTORS' CHURCH ALLIANCE," whose founder is Rev. Walter Bentley. The principal object of this society was to bring actors in closer association with laymen and the clergy, diligently striving to overcome the undoubted prejudice that exists in the minds of the general public, that actors and theatricals as a whole, are below par in morality. It has achieved remarkable success in this particular mission. However, the Actors' Church Alliance was not long in discovering that fully half the profession were of the Roman Catholic faith. This fact was brought to the knowledge of Cardinal Farley. His Eminence most naturally feeling as keen an interest in the spiritual welfare of the faithful and prodigal Catholics of the stage, as of any other profession or class, paved the way for the founding of The Catholic Actors' Guild of America, and in nineteen fourteen such an organization was established in New York City, whose prototype was the British Catholic Guild.

Thus it will be seen that the Guild in America is less than three years old. It was destined to succeed from the very beginning, and classes among its few hundred members many veterans of the stage and celebrities of the dramatic art; with Mr. Jere J. Cohan (father of America's beloved and popular Yankee Doodle Comedian—George M. Cohan) as president, and Mr. James A. Timony as secretary and treasurer.

Cardinal Farley recognized the apparent necessity of appointing a special Chaplain and church in the heart of New York's theatrical district where members of the Guild might unite in public devotion. After due consideration, St. Malachy's on West Forty-ninth Street was designated as the actors' church, and to the care of Rev. Joseph Delaney D.D., was intrusted the spiritual life of the Guild. The Catholic Actors of America held the first retreat ever given to members of the theatrical profession in October of last year.

Promoters of the Guild are at present outlining a campaign of activity for the coming season, in consideration of establishing branches of the Guild in the principal theatrical centers from New York to San Francisco. Personally I am consumed with a burning desire to see this great movement firmly established and successfully operating.

Unfortunately, we have not only to bear with public prejudice, but we are fully conscious that there exists an undeniable prejudice among the Catholic clergy, who have had little or no experience with these warm-hearted, sentimental, harmless individuals of the stage, and who will not willingly sanction the movement and help promote its spiritual progress because they still labor under the delusion that fallen Catholics of the stage are beyond redemption, and even those blessed with grace at present, have not long to endure.

Suppose the Rev. James J. Power, my beloved instructor, had thought thus of me, the most worldly of worldlings? I would today be confined to a padded cell or a suicide's grave, instead of rescuing others from that abyss of despair upon whose brink I was surely tottering. By saving one prodigal of the stage, that Rev. Father has saved five, for I have, in the past year, led by the silken reins of love, five of my fellow beings, each of whom was suffering from spiritual privation and a state of lethargy, to worship at the feet of Holy Mother Church, and there to replenish their impoverished souls with the true bread of heaven.

It is the intention of the Guild not only to promote the spiritual uplift of its members, but also to lend first aid to those who often become stranded through trusting to luck by placing confidence in unreliable managements. If you could only know, as I do, dear friends, to how many decent chorus girls this common occurrence has been the initial step in their fall! Picture these poor girls abandoned as is often the case, in a strange city without funds or friends—helpless and alone; they most naturally become the prey of villians who deliberately plot their ruin. They would brave almost any danger rather than make known their plight to any Christian society, pastor or priest, that might be at hand—and why? Because they know the cold reception they would receive; the piercing eye of suspicion that would be leveled upon them; they know the horror in which most Christians (?) hold even the most innocent and foolhardy chorus girl.

On the contrary, if there were in the city, or even in a not too distant city, an Actors' Guild, which they knew under such conditions, would assist Catholic and non-Catholic actors alike, they would appeal without hesitation to the saving hand of such an affiliation, where those in charge would be of the same profession, and consequently able to understand and sympathize with them in their predicament. Thus it will be seen that it is not only the intention of the Catholic Actors' Guild to administer through specially appointed chaplains, spiritual consolation and advice but also to materially assist unfortunate theatricals in all cases of distress through illness or other causes.

In every city where a branch of the Guild has established itself, notices

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